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For: PAIR OF FRONT AND REAR )  
PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR )  
MOTORCYCLES AND )  
METHOD OF IMPROVING THE )  
PERFORMANCE ON BOTH )  
WET AND DRY GROUND OF )  
A MOTORCYCLE EQUIPPED )  
WITH SAID PAIR )

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Application No. 2000-43509
2. Japanese Application No. 2001-39105

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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